

Evacuation of residents and closing of the evacuation area due to the disarming of an aircraft bomb on Saturday, 5th of March 2022

Dear residents,

during constructions in the new housing area „Wohnen am Tannenwäldle“ the suspicion of the finding of a bomb was raised. Consequently, the recovery and disarming of the bomb is necessary. This will take place

on Saturday, 5th of March 2022.

The protection of the residents living in this area and the thoroughly and precise preparation have hereby highest priority. Therefore, an evacuation zone was established in the surrounding area. The outline of the evacuation area is shown on the enclosed map. On Saturday, 5th of March, all people must have left the evacuation area by 8 am.

What does that mean for you?

Your house is inside the evacuation area. Consequently, you are asked to leave your house and the evacuation area for your own safety by the latest Saturday, 5th of March 8am.

You are obliged to follow the order to leave your premises. The city of Aalen has passed a general decree, which you can find enclosed.

This is how you should leave your home:

The residents concerned should leave their houses and apartments with the lights, electrical devices and ovens turned off, taps and windows are to be closed and doors locked. Cars can be parked in a secure spot. Please do not close the blinds because the evacuation teams need to be able to detect residents, in case they need assistance to leave.

Things you need to take with you during evacuation:

During the evacuation the residents should take with them:

- Official documents
 - Identification
 - Drivers license
 - Debit card
 - If needed medical documents
- FFP2-Mask
- Medication
- Needed special food
- Books, games or electronical entertainment devices, because the disarming is scheduled to take a while
- Toiletries
- Suitable clothing
- Charger for electronical devices if needed
- For babies and small children: further supplies needed for a day

The disarming of the bomb might take until late evening hours.

Accommodation:

If you can stay with friends or relatives living outside the evacuation area, please do so. The city of Aalen has arranged accommodation for people who have no option to stay somewhere else. These are located in gymnasiums or schools and will be opened from Saturday, 5th of March at 7am. There will also be food provided, but if special food is required it has to be cared for by yourself, as well as personally needed things. Inside all accommodations wearing a face mask (FFP2) is mandatory.

Are you in need of accommodation provided by the city of Aalen? Please let us know by filling out the enclosed answer form, so that we can provide you with further information.

You need further assistance or medical support?

If you are dependent on further assistance or medical support, you will receive transportation free of charge and in time for evacuation as well as further assistance. To organize this in advance, please let us know by filling out the enclosed answer form. You will be contacted in time to discuss further details. If possible, residents in need of care should be accompanied by their caring relatives.

Are you infected with Covid-19 or in domestic isolation?

People that are currently in domestic isolation must also leave the evacuation area in time. To reduce contacts and to avoid the further spreading of the virus, these people will be accommodated separately and under special hygiene conditions. There also apply special hygiene conditions to the transportation to and from the provided accommodation.

If you are in domestic isolation, please contact us – also on very short notice on 5th of March – under 07361/521025 or send an email to evakuierung@aalen.de.

Returning home

As soon as the disarming of the bomb is finished and the evacuation area is safe to reenter, the city of Aalen will inform all residents via social media and announcements via megaphone.

To ensure a thorough organization of the evacuation please fill out the enclosed answer form and submit it to the city hall Aalen with the enclosed envelope free of charge or via mail to evakuierung@aalen.de. Please do so as soon as possible, but by the latest by 23rd of February 2022. The form is to be filled out separately for each member of the household. Please also return the answer form if you do not need any assistance or accommodation. Therefore every member of the household is receiving a separate letter.

For further information please visit our website www.aalen.de.

We need your help!

Please support us by spreading this information to ensure that the evacuation will go as smoothly as possible. Please talk to your neighbors and relatives living in the evacuation area about the measurements for the disarming of the bomb. Thereby it is ensured that everybody is informed and knows what to do.

I am aware that the evacuation causes a lot of inconvenience. But be ensured that we are trying to keep the commotion as short-lived and comfortable as possible. I want to thank you in advance for your support and understanding of the situation!

Yours sincerely,
Frederick Brütting